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AMENDMENT F – AFTER FINAL

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS** begin on page 5 of this paper.

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-18. (Previously Cancelled without Prejudice).

19. (Currently Amended) A method of selling goods through an electronic blind supply open commerce computer business system comprising:
- receiving product information for said goods that is uploaded by distributors, who are not manufacturers of said goods, over a network to said electronic blind supply open commerce computer business system which includes product identification information and a set price specified by said distributors for said goods;
  - automatically calculating a fixed sales price from said set price specified by said distributors in said electronic blind supply open commerce business computer system;
  - automatically generating entries in said electronic blind supply open commerce business computer business system that include said fixed sales price and said product identification information;
  - providing a listing of said goods from said entries on said electronic blind supply open commerce computer business system without revealing said distributors so that said distributors remain anonymous to purchasers at all times while said goods are listed on said electronic blind supply open commerce computer business system and after said goods are sold, so that said distributors may sell said goods on said electronic blind supply open commerce computer business system without affecting a pricing structure established by said distributors for said goods;
  - making said listings of said goods available to said purchasers on said electronic blind supply open commerce computer business system through a network connection to allow said purchasers to purchase said goods at said fixed sales price over said network without bidding in an auction.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37 wherein said process of completing the sale of said goods comprises the process of paying said distributor after said purchaser accepts said goods.
21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20 wherein said process of completing the sale of said goods comprises the process of accepting a shipping tracking number, shipping method, and ship date.
- 22.-23. (Cancelled Without Prejudice)
24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21 wherein said process of completing the sale of said goods comprises the process of accepting an electronic funds transfer.
25. (Cancelled Without Prejudice)
26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19 wherein said process of automatically generating entries in said system comprises the process of generating a listing of goods that includes product information comprising a part number.
27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26 wherein said product information further comprises a product description, product specifications, and product category information.
- 28.-33. (Cancelled Without Prejudice)
34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31 wherein said purchasers access said system via a corporate procurement system of said purchaser.
35. (Cancelled Without Prejudice)
36. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 37 wherein said process of completing the sale of said goods comprises the process of automatically e-mailing purchase orders from said electronic blind supply open commerce computer business system.
37. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19 further comprising:
  - automatically accepting a sales order on said electronic blind supply open commerce computer business system from a qualified purchaser that includes a purchase price that satisfies said fixed sales price;
  - automatically generating a purchase order on said electronic blind supply open commerce computer business system in response to said sales order that

includes said product information and said set price specified by said distributor for said goods;

electronically transmitting said purchase order to said distributor from said electronic blind supply open commerce computer business system;

completing the sale of said goods using said electronic blind supply open commerce computer business computer system.

38. (Currently Amended) A method of selling goods through an on-line blind supply computerized selling system comprising:

receiving product information for said goods from sellers of said goods over a network to said on-line blind supply computerized selling system which includes product identification information and a set price specified by said sellers for said goods;

automatically calculating a fixed sales price from said set price specified by said sellers in said on-line blind supply computerized selling system;

automatically generating entries in said on-line blind supply computerized selling system that include said fixed sales price and said product identification information;

providing a listing of said goods from said entries on said ~~computer business~~ on-line blind supply computerized selling system without revealing said sellers so that said sellers remain anonymous to purchasers at all times while said goods are listed on said on-line blind supply computerized selling system and after said goods are sold, so that said sellers may sell said goods on said on-line blind supply computerized selling system without affecting a pricing structure established by said sellers for said goods; and

making said listings of said goods available to said purchasers on said on-line blind supply computerized selling system through a network connection to allow said purchasers to purchase said goods at said fixed sales price over said network without bidding in an auction.